

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: KIKUO MAEDA ET AL. )  
Serial No.: 10/807,774 ) Group Art Unit: 1792  
Filed: March 23, 2004 )  
For: THIN FILM FORMING APPARATUS ) Examiner: Crowell, Anna M.  
AND THIN FILM FORMING METHOD ) Confirmation No.: 4282  
Customer No. 23413

**AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

VIA EFS-Web  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated March 26, 2009. If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Please amend the Application as follows: